

and thus became heavyweight champion of the world except for the claim of Jim Jeffries, the retired champion, and Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight, who had a reputation as no better than that of a prizefighter. Johnson had just defeated Eob Fitzsimmons in Philadelphia in the second round of the rawest deal that had taken place since Jack O'Brien went away, but he was badly injured and was in no condition whatever to fight. On September 15 Johnson failed to knock out Sullivan in the third round in New Haven, Conn. In a fight that looked as if it had been arranged for Burke to stay in the ring, Johnson and Burke actually won a fight, knocking out Flynn in the eleventh round in San Francisco. It now remains for Burke to defeat Johnson, and for Johnson to win the world's actual, if not the retical, heavyweight championship.

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